

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Glenn Allan "Sock" Ray of Sparta.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Glenn Allan "Sock" Ray of Sparta; and

WHEREAS, Sock Ray was an exemplary gentleman and automotive enthusiast who lived a life of enjoyment and fellowship with friends; and

WHEREAS, born June 9, 1941, Mr. Ray was the son of Erbie and Nell Roberts Ray; and

WHEREAS, Sock Ray served ably as a two-term county commissioner. He was also a retired truck driver and farmer, and at the time of his passing, he was the proud co-owner of Northfield Vineyards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray was a member of Cumberland Heights Church of Christ, and he enjoyed daily visits with his friends. He loved tractors, old cars, and his grand dogs, Bo and Rowdy; and

WHEREAS, Sock Ray was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Diana Massa Ray, for fifty-seven years, and he was the proud father of Mark Ray (fiancée Vickie Denton), Marty (Mike) Luna, and the late Jeremy Glenn Ray; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his son Jeremy, who passed as an infant, Mr. Ray was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Patricia Brady; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and remaining children, he leaves to mourn his memory two sisters, Rosemary Ray and Debora (James) Green; brothers-in-law, John Massa and Bill Brady; sister-in-law, Janice Copeland; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Glenn Allan "Sock" Ray, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ray.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.